

Revenue (1943) Department.

18 SERIES.

G.O. No. 3072 13012
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Dated 30/11/43

[Despatch Abstract.]

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospe Taluk -
Basavanna and Roy channels and the Kamalapuram tank - Withdrawal
of concessional rates of water cess and introduction of ultimate
rates of water cess - Ordered.

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Memorandum 2490-3 F/43-1 & 24-7 45
Agreement - Change in water - Krishna
East and West Godavari and Telh
mis of frontiers etc. - Continuance beyond
fall 1853

The attention of the Board of Rev is invited
to W. O. No 1618 Rev (1853) 20. 4. 45, regarding
extending the ~~General~~ p Concessional etc.

of water cess in the districts of Kishna, East Godavari
West Godavari, and Seltai taluqs of Guntoor. DT. 1353.

It has been suggested that in view of the high rise in
prices of food ^{and with the prospect of combating inflation} grains the concessional rates should be withdrawn.

The Board is requested to refer the ¹⁻³⁻¹⁹⁴⁴ concessionary rates
in the Collector concerned on the desirability of withdrawing the
concessional rates of water cess with effect from July 1354
in the light of the above suggestion. An estimate of probable
increase of Rs. 5.7.43 ^{if the suggestion is adopted} should also be
furnished. ^{No need}

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Memo No. 2410 1743. 2815. 7. 43
Increment - Charge for water - Belan
and irrigated by the Basavanna
and channels and the Karmalapur
irrigation. Concessional rates for water
The attention of the Board of Revenue is invited
Memo No 1272 Revd of 8.6.42 on the above

Subject

2. In view of the high rise in prices of provisions the Board is requested to report on consultation with the Council of Bellary ^{whether it is necessary} ~~for the~~ desirability of extending the concessions granted in the said P.O. to F-1353

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject.

ASSESSMENT - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Lands irrigated by the Basavanna and Raya channels and the Kamalaruram tank - Concessional rates of water-cess - Extension for F.1353 - Report - Submitted.

Refce.H.No.303/43-2,
Station: Madras, dated the 1st November 1943.
From

R. Galletti Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

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F.1353
F.1-23-2
R. C. Wood Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commr. of Land Revenue and Irrigation.

Read: Government Memo.No.42490 F/43-2, Revenue, dated 15-7-1943.
Letter from I.H. Fraser Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, No. nil, dated 8-10-1943.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government for orders.

2. The Board agrees with the Collector and recommends the the concessions granted in G.O.No.1272- Revenue, dated 8-6-1942 be withdrawn.

T. R. Narayanaiah
for JOINT SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

5/11 NBR. 1-11.

Copy of letter No.nil dated 8-10-1943 from the Collector of Bellary.

Sub: Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary - Hospet taluk Sands - Irrigated by the Basavanna and Raya channels and the Kamalaruram tank - Concessional rates of water cess Extension for F.1353 - Proposal - Report submitted.
Ref: Board's Ref.H.No.303/43-1, dated 23-7-1943.

A tabular statement showing the extent of dry lands cultivated with paddy, sugarcane and other crops and irrigated from the above three irrigation sources during the last three faslis is enclosed. It is evident from the decrease in the total extent cultivated in F.1352 that the ryots did not avail themselves of the concessions granted in G.O.No.1272/Rev./ dated 8-6-1942. The extent under sugarcane has vastly increased owing to the high price of sugar. Although sugar cane has been declared a 'Food crop' recently, yet

From the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings), dated 9th March 1928, No. 140-Ac./28-2.

From the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings), dated 5th September 1928,
No. 140-Ac./28-7.

Order—No. 2676 W., dated 27th October 1928.

In connexion with the fire in the Medical College buildings, Madras, in July 1927, which resulted in the destruction of practically the whole of the Bio-chemical Laboratory, the question has been raised as to who should be held responsible for the *initial* supply of fire extinguishing apparatus—as distinguished from fire buckets and their appurtenances—to Government buildings, whether the Public Works Department or the department occupying the building. The existing orders on the subject of the protection of public buildings from fire do not clearly fix the responsibility on particular departments, but the Government observe that the trend of these orders and paragraph 235 of the Madras Public Works Department Code is to the effect that the head of the office should be held responsible. They accordingly direct that in future the head of the office should be held responsible for the *initial* supply of all fire extinguishing apparatus, the advice or assistance of the Executive Engineer being freely taken in the matter when necessary.

2. The Chief Engineer suggests that orders be issued to the effect that every Government building should be supplied with fire protection appliances at the time of its construction by the Public Works Department or other departments undertaking the construction of the building and that the initial supply of the appliances should be provided for in the estimate for the construction of the building. He recommends the following scale of supply of fire protection appliances to buildings :—

(i) *For ordinary buildings costing below Rs. 10,000.*—Twelve fire buckets 12" high and 10" deep always filled with water per every 5,000 square feet of superficial area.

(ii) *For ordinary buildings costing above Rs. 10,000.*—Six fire buckets of the size specified above always filled with water and one two-gallon soda acid type extinguisher per 5,000 square feet of superficial area.

(iii) *For buildings where there is special danger of oil, chemical or electrical fires.*—Twelve fire buckets of the size specified above always filled with sand and one two-gallon Foam type extinguisher per 5,000 square feet of superficial area.

3. The Government cannot accept the Chief Engineer's suggestion that the estimates for the construction of new buildings should also provide for fire appliances. The cost of such appliances should be met from the contingent grant of the offices occupying the buildings, with reference to the orders in G.O. No. 1165 W., dated 15th October 1924.

for all practical purposes it is a commercial crop and in this particular area the increase in the acreage under sugar cane has the undesirable effect of yields a net profit of about Rs.300/- whereas an acre of paddy fetches an appended statement the figures for this fasli are not complete since a large extent of cultivation has yet to be brought to account. There is hardly any hope that there will be any increase in the acreage under paddy this year as the ryots prefer to grow sugar cane even in excess of the requirements of the Hosnet Sugar Factory owing to the great demand for it in the Nizams Dominions and in Bombay Province even at a high price. For the above reasons and the high prices of jaggery and paddy, I submit that the object of the G.O. referred to above will not be achieved by the extension to this fasli of the concessional rates of water cess granted therein. The prevailing market-rate for paddy is Rs.15/- for 68 local seers against Rs.8/- in F.1351. A maund of jaggery which two years ago was selling at a rupee is now selling at Rs.3-8-0 or Rs.4-0-0.

Name of the source.	F. 1351			F. 1352			F. 1353*		
	Paddy.	Sugar cane.	Other crops.	Paddy.	Sugar cane.	Other crops.	Paddy	Sugar cane.	Other crops.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rasavannah channel	468	275	14	417	286	37	94	400	19
Roya channel	488	268	2	398	296	24	195	333	24
Kamalaruram tank	108	26	5	78	45	10	32	28	3
Total	1064	569	21	893	627	71	321	761	46

Total area cultivated in.		
F. 1351.	F. 1352.	F. 1353.
11	12	13.
757	740	513
778	718	552
139	133	63
1674	1591	1128

The figures for F.1353 are not complete. They refer only to the cultivation brought to account so far. There is a large extent yet to be brought to account.

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Read again. G.O. No. 1272 Res dt 8-6-1942¹²

Read also. To the Board of Res, Memo No 2409 F/4
dt 15-7-43

From the Board of Res, Ref. H.No. 303/43-2
dt 1-11-43

G.O. Ms No 3012 dt 30 11 43

In the circumstances reported H.E
the Govr accepts the recommendation of the
Board of Res with reference read above and
directs that the concessional rates of water
cess granted in G.O. 1272 Res dt 8-6-42 for
lands irrigated under the Basavananna
Channel (including the Extension Channel), the
Roya Channel and the Ramdapuram Tank
in the Hospet Taluk of the Bellary District, be

fashi 1352 ~~should~~ be withdrawn. ^{with effect from the current} The following

rates of water cess prescribed in Rule II of
the Rules issued in G.O. 2592 Rev 8, 13-12-34
~~should~~ be levied with effect from fashi 1353 for
the irrigation of crops with water from the
sources of irrigation referred to above.

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11/11/43

To the Board of Revenue.
Copy to the Commr of Bellary.
Copy to the Secy. Dept.

11/11/43

Exhact from K Section No 1828E/43

Prices - Inflation - Checkup Fin. Dept.

Concessional water rates.

Will Rev. please examine whether concessional water rates sanctioned for the Cauvery Lettur Project and in any other case should not now be raised as soon as possible as one way of withdrawing excess purchasing power from agriculturists and combating inflation?

D.W.D.18-6-43.

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Other areas.

Rev. Dept.

The concessions granted in the Kistna, Godavari and Delt tracts of Guntur districts and in the Polavaram Island Project in East Godavari expire by the end of this fasli i.e., on 30-6-1943. The question of their continuance will be considered in the light of the Board's recommendation and of the level of prices prevailing. For orders whether the Board may be asked for a report on 1-7-43. The concessional rates announced in the Press Note No.112 dated 10-6-42 in respect of areas irrigated by the Basavantha channel, Roy's channel and Kanakapuram tank in the Hospet taluk also expire by the end of 30th June 1943. Here also the Board may be asked for a report on 1-7-43. The point raised above may be examined in the event of continuing the concession for a further term. In G.O.No.1409 Rev. dated 27-6-1942, concessional water rates for irrigation of crops other than wet or dufassal under the Thippayapalem Project, (Kurnool) originally sanctioned for fasli 1348 and continued subsequently have been sanctioned for faslis 1352 and 1353. As the district is frequently exposed to famine, it is for consideration whether the question of withdrawing the concession might be deferred to July 1944, when the present sanction expires. The question of changing concessional rates for wet crops in the Thippayapalem project is still under consideration. The file is pending in S.W.

V.S.H.26-6-43.

To wh:-

The note at 'A' above was based on G.O No 2 Revd 5.12.42 read with the previous order

Res Communiqué 1070 of 12.12.41. This, however
 based on No 160.8 Ann of 30.1.43 + 15.2
 Brewers from the extract of the notes in E Section
 at (b) below, the Concessional rates of water etc.
 have been continued for Jan 1953 also
 the question of the extension of the concessions
 beyond that year now has to be considered.
 A draft to the Board of Gov. is sub. with
 a note. This may be taken into consideration
 A separate draft to the Board with reference
 to 'b' covering is submitted for info. and
 Finance may see before issue.

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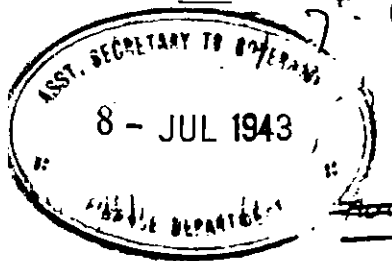
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Through E

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Please see Secretary's remarks extracted on
 page 1 ante.

The draft memos. below may be perused. A slight
 amendment is indicated in pencil to Draft II - Vide
 'C' on p.1 ante.

2.7.43

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Draft II is accepted as
 amended. As regards Draft I
 I am asking for orders in the file regarding
 measures to combat inflation whether

10.7.43 this might not be considered even for 1953.

would suggest that the issue of Draft I be postponed until the Govt have
 decided whether or not to reopen the question of giving this concession for 1953.

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 12.7.43

Under Secy
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 13/7/43

The Fin Secy's note above may be perused
 Draft II may issue as amended by Fin. The
 issue of Draft I will be held up until the decision
 is known.

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Issued as OM No. 2490F/43-2 of 15.7.43 - 15/7/43

14.7.43

Now that it has been decided by the
 Cabinet that the Concessions announced for Jan 1953
 need not may be left alone. Draft I may now
 issue

23/7/43

5/7/43 to the Cabinet's decision for 2

An extract from the Cabinet decision in so far as 'land revenue' is concerned is put up at (P).

S.S.
26/7/43
P.A.
26/7/43

Draft I may now issue.

S.W.C.D.,
27/7/43.

Issue

V.S.H.
28/7/43

Issued as: O.M.No. 2490 F/43-2 of 28-7-43.

From the Board of Rev. Ref. H.No 303/42-2 of 1-11-43

To U.S.

In June 1943 the question of withdrawing concessional rates of watercess in certain areas was considered with the object of combating inflation. The question on which orders have to be passed now in this file relates to the continuance or otherwise of the concessional rates of watercess sanctioned in G.O. 1272 Rev of 8.6.1942.

2. For a note on the previous history of the case, the note of Mr Platt on pp 5-6 N.F of G.O. 1272 Rev of 8.6.42 may be seen. With a view to increase the production of food crops, orders were issued as in G.O. 1272 Rev of 8.6.42

3. In memo. No 2490 F/43-2 of 15-7-43, the Board was asked to state whether in view of the high rise in prices of food crops ~~whether~~ it was necessary to extend the concessions granted in the G.O. 1272 Rev of 8.6.42 to fasli 1353. The Board's reply at pp 5-6 Cf may be perused.

4. From the statement furnished by the Collector it is seen that the area under sugarcane is increasing while the area under paddy shows

a fall and this is attributed to the high price for sugarcane as compared with the ~~high~~ price for paddy. The Collector considers that the object of G.O. 1272 Res D 8.6.1942 viz the production of more food, will not be achieved by the extension of the concessional rates of water cess and recommends that the concessional rates may be withdrawn. The Board agrees with the coll.

Presumably the Board's intention is that the ultimate rates of water cess prescribed in Rule II of the Rules issued in G.O. 2592 Res D 13-12-1934 should be given effect to in the current fasli.

For orders whether the ultimate rates of water cess may be levied from the current fasli. Subject to orders a draft order is sub'd for approval.

It may be sent to ^{Dev} P.W.D and Fin for acceptance.

(The report called for in memo no 2490 F/43-1

D 28.7 1943 may be closed with a CBE against

1-3-1944) It is clear from G.O. 2432 D 10.12.40
20.11.43 8.11.43 and Res Sept 1943 on p 24 of the

that the concessional rates of Rs 7.80 are ^{continued} ~~given~~ mainly because of the fact that there has been a great rise in prices

There has been a rise in prices which will justify the imposition of the full rate.

Re concessional rates have not resulted in an increase of area under paddy

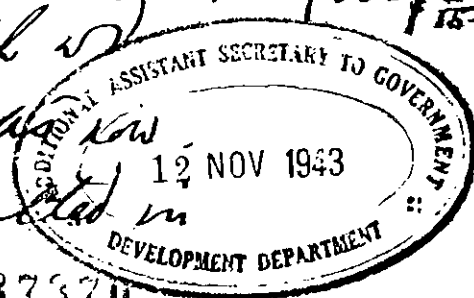
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Rev. 2490 F/43-1
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Present Rates		
2-12-0	11-4	
3-12-0	11-4	
Rates proposed to be levied		
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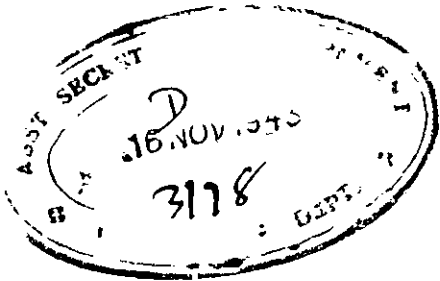


The draft order may be accepted and
the file passed on to P.W.D.

Gen. A.O. No.
37370 AIII/43-1
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P.W.D.



Draft order below may be accepted & the file
passed on to Finance Dept.

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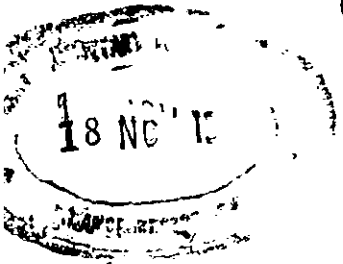
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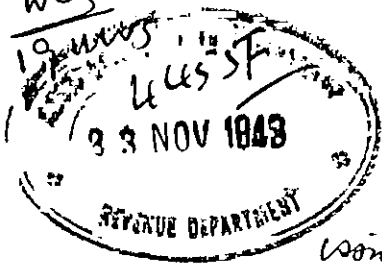
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The draft order may be accepted.



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The draft order below may now

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